

Mountain Resort Report©

From: Curtis Fong - "The Guy From Tahoe" – Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010 - **UPDATED as of 7:00am**

Good Morning, Lake Tahoe Skiers & Riders. If you're visiting, Welcome to Lake Tahoe. Here's your Mountain Resort Report for Thursday, December 16th. Shaping up to be a great day to hit the slopes before the next storm hits. Partly Cloudy Skies with Temps only into the mid 20's to low 30's on the slopes with Light Winds. Winter Storm Watch posted tomorrow over the weekend. Today, Dress Warm, Layer up today with your Windproof-Waterproof Jacket, wear a hat, beanie or wear a helmet for safety; Also, wear Good Goggles. Surface conditions are Powder, Machine Groomed & Skier / Rider Packed Powder. Ski and Ride with care. Early season conditions exist, so keep an eye for marked and unmarked obstacles – Always Ski with a Buddy if you go Off Piste and stay on opened runs only.

South Lake Tahoe & Surrounding Area Resorts

***Heavenly Mountain Resort** - South Lake Tahoe – Reports a base of 51-60". 20 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 10 Lifts scheduled in California and 10 Lifts on the Nevada Side. Access to the mountain is from the Gondola, California Base Lodge & Stagecoach on the NV side. 70 Trails to open (50+MG) Mott & Killebrew Canyons open + Terrain Park with 15 features on Cal Trail. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 11F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Sledding & Snow Tubing Hill are scheduled to open (10-4) at the top of the Gondola. Their Heavenly / Northstar Season Pass is still available for \$379 with prices going up after Dec 19. **1-800-HEAVENLY. www.skiheavenly.com**

***Sierra-At-Tahoe** - on U.S. Hwy 50 (R2) – Is open reporting a base of 28-80". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side including Grandview Express to the top and the West Bowl open. 44 Trails are open (35MG) + 3 T-Parks, Snow Shoe Trails and Snow Play Area open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 18F / Clear / Lt Winds). Sierra only Season Passes still available for \$199. **(530) 659-7475. www.sierraattahoe.com**

***Camp Richardson Mountain Sport Center** - on Emerald Bay Road - Hwy 89 – is Closed today, Open weekends (9-4) /// on a base of 6". They have 3 trails = 8km of groomed XC / Snowshoe Trails Open. Call Ahead. **(530) 542-6584. www.camprichardson.com**

***Hope Valley XC Outdoor Center** - 14655 Hwy 89/88 – at Pickett's Junction – The Yurt is Open Daily (9-4) They have a base of 20-36". They expect to have 20 miles of groomed trails and 40 miles of marked & skier packed trails open. No Fees to XC or Snow Shoe in Hope Valley, but they do accept donations. **(530) 694-2266. www.hopevalleyoutdoors.com**

***Kirkwood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 88 (R2) – Is open reporting a mid-mountain base of 55". 5 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) out of the Village on the Front Side, including Chairs #5, #7 & #11, Plus Chairs #6 & #10 to the top. 43 Trails open (20MG) 3 Bowls & 2 Terrain Parks. (Powder, MG & SKR PP / 17F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Backside Scheduled to open this weekend. **Kirkwood XC Center** – Open with 45KM of Groomed XC Trails and Snow Shoe Trails open. **(877) KIRKWOOD. www.kirkwood.com**

North & East Shore / Nevada Resorts

***Spoooner Lake Cross Country** - Highway 28/50 - at Spooner Lake State Park – is Closed today and will reopen Friday, Dec 18. /// daily (9-5). They have a base of 12-24". 5 Trails are open offering 20KM of Groomed XC trails & 2 Separate Snow Shoe Trails open offering 7km. **(775) 749-5349. www.spoonerlake.com**

***Diamond Peak** - Hwy 28 - in Incline Village – Is opening today, reporting a base of 37-46". 4 lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 22 trails open + Terrain Park features. (Powder & MGPP / 12F / MClear / Lt Winds). Community Appreciation Day... Anyone who lives within a 50 mile radius can ski or ride for \$20 with resident ID. **(775) 831-3211. www.diamondpeak.com**

***Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** - Mt. Rose Hwy 431 – is reporting a base of 34-62". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including the NW Magnum Six to the top of the Rose side & The Blazing Zephyr opening at 8:30 on the Slide Side. Plus The Chutes Opening today. 35 Trails are open + Two Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 18F / MClear / Lt Winds). Ladies Day Thursday with \$35 Lift Tickets for all Ladies. **(800) SKI ROSE www.mtrose.com**

Truckee Area Resorts

***Northstar-at-Tahoe** - On Hwy 267 – is reporting a trace of new on base of 43-77". 12 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). Open top to bottom – Front to Back including Look Out Mountain open. 89 Trails are open (62MG) + 3 Terrain Parks Open with 40 features. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 17F / Lt Snow / Lt Winds). Village Ice Rink is scheduled to open (1-8pm). **Northstar XC/Telemark & Snow Shoe Center** is open with 40km of groomed XC & Snow snowshoe trails. **(530) 562-1330. www.northstarattahoe.com**

***Tahoe Donner Ski Area** - 11603 Slalom Way, Truckee – Is open reporting a base of 24-36". 5 Lifts & Tows will operate (9-4) with 8 trails + Candyland Terrain Park open. (MGPP / 18F / PCldy / Lt Winds). **(530) 587-9444 #2 (Downhill). Tahoe Donner XC** – is open (8:30-5) with 25 trails are open offering 61.8 km of groomed XC trails + 4 separate Snowshoe trails offering 6 Km. Hosting Sierra Nordic Duathlon on Dec 19. **(530) 587-9484. www.skitaheodonner.com**

Donner Summit Resorts

***Boreal Mountain Resort** – Off I-80 at Boreal/Castle Peak Exit – Is open reporting a base of 60-67". They have 4 Lifts

scheduled to operate (9-4) including the Accelerator Express Quad to the top & Lost Dutchman. 35 Trails are open (16MG). Their Lower Core Park & Mini Shred Terrain Parks are open. (Powder & MGPP / 11F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Playland Tubing Park Closed midweek. 2 Lifts operate till 9pm. (530) 426-3666 #1. www.rideboreal.com

***Soda Springs Winter Resort** - Off I-80 (R2) – Is Closed Midweek, Opening daily starting Friday, Dec 17. /// Reporting a base of 58-65". 3 Lifts are scheduled to operate for Skiing & Riding (9-4) with 16 Trails open; Plus 3 Lifts for Snow Tubing operating (10-4) with Tube Town, the Kids Tube Carousel & Planet Kids. (MGPP / 33F / PCldy / Lt Winds).(530) 426-3901. www.skisodasprings.com

***Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort** – Off I-80 in Soda Springs – is Closed but reopens Friday for the season /// on a base of 50". They have 85 Km of groomed XC trails open. Closed Tuesday – Wednesday reopening 7 days a week starting Thursday, Dec 16. (530) 426-3871. www.royalgorge.com.

***Donner Ski Ranch** - On Donner Pass Road – Is re opening for the season today. They have a base of 50-60". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) Chairs 1, 4, 6 & 7. Plus the Tubing Hill is scheduled open in the afternoon. (530) 426-3635. www.donnerskiranch.com

***Sugar Bowl Ski Resort** - Off I-80 on Donner Pass Rd – is open reporting a base of 48-68". 9 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) including Judah, Jerome Hill & Lincoln Express. 88 Trails to open (49MG) + 3 T-Parks open. (Powder & MGPP / 14F / PCldy / Lt Winds). Please enter from the Mt Judah Base area. (530) 426-1111. www.sugarbowl.com

West Shore / North Lake Tahoe Resorts

***Homewood Mountain Resort** - On Hwy 89 – 6 miles South of Tahoe City, Is open reporting a base of 52-78". 4 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 64 trails are open (28MG). (MG & SKRPP / 19F / MClear / Lt Winds) (530) 525-2900. Skihomewood.com

***Granlibakken Ski & Snowboard Hill** – Hwy 89 - Tahoe City – Is scheduled to open December 17, but the Sledding hill is open daily (9-4:30) conditions permitting. (530) 581-7533 www.granlibakken.com.

***Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area** - 3 miles E. of Tahoe City on Hwy 28 – Is open daily (8:30-5). They Report a base of 20-36". 15 trails are open offering 42 Km of Groomed trails + 3 Dog Friendly Trails are open. (20F / MClear / Calm Winds) (530) 583-5475. www.tahoexc.org

***Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** - Hwy 89 – is open reporting a base of 52-92". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) on the Front Side, including Roundhouse & Summit Six to the top plus Scott Chair. 70 Trails open + Terrain Park. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 19F / Clear / Lt Winds). (530) 581-8374. www.skialpine.com

***Squaw Valley USA** - Hwy 89 – Checks in reporting a base of 25-72". 15 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 7 Lifts from the bottom, including the Cable Car & Funitel, plus Red Dog & KT-22. Plus, 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate on the upper mountain including Shirley Lake, Siberia & Headwall. 100 Trails are open (26MG) + The Belmont Terrain Park open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 17F / MClear / Lt Winds). Olympic Ice Pavilion at High Camp is scheduled to open (11-4). Also, Don't Miss the 19th Annual Snow Gods Ball on Dec 18. (530) 583-6955 #1. www.squaw.com. **The Resort at Squaw Creek** XC Trails are open.

Central Sierra Resorts

***Mammoth Mountain** - off Hwy 395 – is open and reporting a base of 48-90". 23 Lifts scheduled to operate (8:30-4), Plus Chair #23 to the top, Access from Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge & Eagle Lodge. 150 trails open (79 MG) + 7 Terrain Parks open. (Powder, MG & SKRPP / 13F / Clear / Lt-Mod Winds). (888) 766-9778. www.mammothmountain.com.

June Mountain – Scheduled to open today, Celebrating their 50th year, will offer \$5 lift tickets. Reports a base of 24-36". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4). 25 Trails open. (760) 934-2224. www.junemountain.com

Yosemite/Badger Pass - is Scheduled to open Dec. 17. (209) 372-8430. www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx

***Dodge Ridge** - Pinecrest, CA on Hwy 108 – open reporting a base of 40". 8 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 62 Trails open (31MG). Plus Rocky's Road Terrain Park open. (MG & SKRPP / 20F / Clear / Lt Winds). (209) 536-5300. www.dodgeridge.com

***Bear Valley Mountain Resort** - Hwy 4 – open with a base of 45-52". 6 Lifts are scheduled to operate (9-4) with 39 Trails open + 2 Terrain Parks. (Powder & MGPP / 17F / MClear / Lt Winds). (209) 753-2301 #2. **Bear Valley XC** – open with 14Km of groomed XC trails & Sledding hill open. (209) 753-2834. www.bearvalley.com

So, there you have it. Stay tuned for updated weather and road conditions. For updates on this Report, Please visit my Website at BikeandSkiTahoe.Com. Have a Safe Day on the Mountain, It's Curtis Fong, TGFT ... And, that's today's Mtn Resort Report.

www.bikeandskitahoe.com

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See you on the Slopes...

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